

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 8, and cancel claim 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~piston compressor, particularly a~~ hermetically enclosed refrigerant compressor comprising:

a compressor block having a bore extending therethrough;

a crank shaft positioned for rotation in the bore, the crank shaft defining an eccentric crank pin at one end thereof;

the crank shaft and crank pin cooperating to define an oil channel arrangement;

a connecting rod attached at one end to a bearing element such that there is no relative motion between the bearing element and the connecting rod, the connecting rod having a passage extending therethrough and in communication with a channel formed by the cooperation of the connecting rod and the bearing element the channel extending completely around a circumference of the bearing element;

the crank pin extending into the bearing element and being positioned for rotation relative thereto; and

a control arrangement providing communication between the channel and the oil channel arrangement, at least once per revolution of the crank pin.

2. (Original) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the control arrangement comprises at least one radial bore in the bearing element, which bore overlaps an oil source upon a rotation of the crank pin.

3. (Original) A compressor according to claim 2, wherein the oil source is formed by an opening in the crank pin and forming part of the oil channel arrangement.

4. (Original) A compressor according to claim 3, wherein the crank pin defines an oil pocket in a area proximate the opening forming part of the oil channel arrangement.

5. (Currently Amended) A compressor according to claim 2, wherein the passage defines an opening into the channel and the radial bore is offset in a circumferential direction relative to the opening ~~of the passage into the oil channel.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the connecting rod includes a first connecting rod eye opposite the end attached to the bearing element, the connecting rod eye surrounding a piston bolt having a lubrication channel that overlaps the passage at least once during a revolution of the crank pin, the control arrangement establishing the communication ~~at that time~~ between the passage and the channel.

7. (Original) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the control arrangement establishes the communication during a suction phase of the compressor.

8. (Currently Amended) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the control arrangement further establishes the communication a ~~second time at the beginning of~~ when a compression phase of the compressor begins.

9. (Original) A compressor according to claim 8, wherein the bearing element defines two radial bores arranged at a predetermined distance relative to each other and to the opening of the passage.

10. (Original) A compressor according to claim 1, wherein the connecting rod defines a rod eye positioned over the bearing element, the bearing element and the rod eye and bearing element each include alignment marks.

11. (Cancelled) ~~A compressor according to claim 1, wherein in the circumferential direction the oil channel is limited to a predetermined section.~~